

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 24, 2004

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to recommend that the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute be named one of the nation's nanotechnology research centers authorized in the recently signed 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act. The Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute, located in Corvallis, Oregon, is an exciting collaboration between the Oregon state government, higher educational institutions, and the Oregon high tech business community. The Institute will build upon Oregon's tremendous strengths in microtechnologies and move toward new discoveries and developments in nanotechnology. Specifically, the Institute will integrate nanotechnology into microsystems, produce nanomaterials for microsystems, and develop new biological and biomedical applications for nanomaterials.

Oregon is home to some of the nation's top nanoscientists and leading nanodevice manufacturers; it makes sense that Oregon should be home to one of the nation's nanotechnology research centers. We also encourage you to give Oregon's Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute every consideration in the upcoming allocation of research funding.

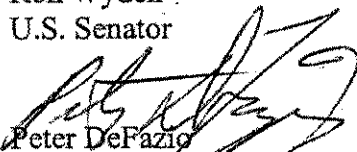
Oregon has a highly skilled workforce with the expertise and strong collaboration necessary to make big leaps in the science of the small. At a time when Oregon continues to suffer serious unemployment, the location of a nanotechnology research center in Oregon would be a big boost for our economy.

We look forward to working with you to develop nanotechnology in Oregon and the nation.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator



Peter DeFazio
U.S. Representative



Gordon Smith
U.S. Senator



Greg Walden
U.S. Representative

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David Wu
U.S. Representative

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Darlene Hooley
U.S. Representative

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Earl Blumenauer
U.S. Representative